REMARKS

Claims 1 - 6 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claim 2 has been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Response is fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 19, 2006.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in item 3 of the Action that claims 2 - 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 2 has been amended into independent to include the features of base claim 1. As such, it is believed that claim 2 and its dependent claims 3-6 are now allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Konuta et al. (US 2002/0180715) in view of Sata et al. (USP 5,134,499).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites "a processor for carrying out in parallel a plurality of tasks under a control of a multi-task OS, wherein the plurality of tasks carried out by said processor includes a transfer task to transfer a partial amount per time of the moving image content from said recording medium to said internal memory and a reproduce task to reproduce the moving image content stored in said internal memory."

The Examiner states that Konuta et al. fails to..."simultaneously performing transferring and reproducing of data on and from the internal memory as specified in the present claim 1" (Page 2, lines 6-4 from the bottom).

In other words, the Examiner acknowledges that Konuta et al. '715 fails to disclose or fairly suggest the features of claim 1 regarding "a processor for carrying out in parallel a plurality of tasks under a control of a multi-task OS, wherein the plurality of tasks carried out by said processor includes a transfer task to transfer a partial amount per time of the moving image content from said recording medium to said internal memory and a reproduce task to reproduce the moving image content stored in said internal memory."

The Examiner relies on the secondary reference of Sata et al. '499 for teaching the above noted drawbacks and deficiencies of Konuta et al. '715.

More specifically, the Examiner asserts that Sata et al. does disclose a video..."the capability of simultaneously performing transferring and reproducing of data on and from the internal memory as specified in the present claim 1" (Page 2, lines 3-1 from the bottom).

However, while Sata et al. '499 may disclose in col. 7, lines 4-7 that, "[w]hile the read pick-up drive 5 searches out the innermost track, the read control circuit 32 reads out the video data from the RAM 31," Sata et al. '499 still fails to disclose the claimed feature regarding a transfer task to transfer a partial amount per time of the moving image content from said recording medium to said internal memory, as called for in claim 1.

That is, in Sata et al. '499 "[t]he data read by the optical head 21 is fed to the demodulation circuit 6 shown in Fig .1," (col. 6, 111-13) and is not fed to the RAM 31. Instead, the binary circuit 30 "converts the output signal of FM circuit 2 into binary data, which is then written into a random-access memory (RAM)" (col, 6, 120-23).

In other words, Sata et al. '499 fails to disclose transferring a partial amount of the moving image content read by the read pick-up drive 5 from the recording medium 4 to an internal memory.

Therefore, even if Konuta et al. '715 is combined with Sata et al. '499, the resulting combination would not disclose or fairly suggest the claimed feature of "a processor for carrying out in parallel a plurality of tasks under a control of a multi-task OS, wherein the plurality of tasks carried out by said processor includes a transfer task to transfer a partial amount per time of the moving image content from said recording medium to said internal memory and a reproduce task to reproduce the moving image content stored in said internal memory" as called for in claim 1.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.
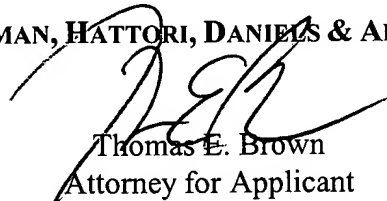
If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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